Met Office strikes 'Gold' for corporate responsibility

16 June 2011 - The Met Office is delighted to announce that it has achieved Gold in Business in the Community's (BITC) 2011 Corporate Responsibility Index (CRI), the UK's leading voluntary benchmark of corporate responsibility.

Achieving Gold means that the Met Office is able to demonstrate openness and transparency through effective public reporting of its material environmental and social issues, programmes and performance.

Rob Varley, Met Office Operations Director said: "Our work as a leading advisor on weather and climate change to Government, businesses and the public is central to promoting sustainable development - both at home and abroad. We're committed to meeting our objectives in a sustainable way, which means minimising our environmental impact and acting in a positive way in our dealings with our community, our workplace and within the marketplace."

The CRI helps companies to integrate and improve corporate responsibility throughout their business operations. It does this by providing a systematic approach to managing, measuring and reporting on business impacts in society and on the environment.

Stephen Howard, Chief Executive, Business in the Community said: "I congratulate the Met Office on achieving Gold in the 2011 BITC Corporate Responsibility Index. It is a challenging time, but the results of this year's index demonstrate that companies are still focused on transforming their businesses in order to have a positive impact on society. All the companies who participated this year are at different stages in their responsible business journey, but they are all taking these issues seriously and are prepared to lead by example."

The full results of the 2011 CRI, including commentary and analysis, were published in the Financial Times Responsible Business supplement.

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